

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT  
LOK SABHA**

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. FOREIGN INSTITUTIONS .

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**Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Indian Council for Historical Research (ICHR) has recently unearthed a racket of some foreign institutions which lure organisations into contributing money on the name of international academic seminars;
- (b) whether an organisation called South and South-East Asian Association for the Study of Religion (SSEASR) had garnered funds from the Indian Council for Cultural Relations (ICCR), Ford Foundation and others;
- (c) if so, when did this matter first come to light;
- (d) the present status of SSEASR; and
- (e) the measures taken by the Government in this regard?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT(SHRI M.A.A. FATMI)

(a) to (e): As per the information furnished by the Indian Council of Historical Research(ICHR), on January 13, 2005, it came to their notice that an organization called the 'South and South-East Asian Association for the Study of Religion

(SSEASR)', is using the Council's name unauthorisedly for organizing a "Regional Conference" on "Cultural and Religious Mosaic of South and South-East Asia: Conflict and Consensus through the Ages". According to the ICHR, the SSEASR is not a registered body in India and, they had applied to the Council for Seminar Grant.